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For Your Information: The Sustainable Land Stewardship (SLSI) in coordination with the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection (NDEP) and the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency (TRPA) will be offering a **3-day Bioassessment Training at the TRPA office at Zephyr Cove, Nevada on August 27, 28 & 29, 2002.** The instructor will be Jim Harrington, Environmental Scientist with California Department of Fish and Game. The training will cover a variety of topics including one day of presentations on reference sites/conditions, sampling strategies, etc., and two days of field work at a local stream including collection of macroinvertebrates and assessing physical habitat for water quality. Attached is the tentative agenda for the 3 days.

Purpose of Training:

The intent of this training is to provide background, assessment information and training regarding bioassessment techniques, interpretation of data and to assist in providing coordination of biological (macroinvertebrates) water quality monitoring and the utilization of similar collection protocols. Currently, the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection, the California Department of Fish and Game, several California Water Control Boards and numerous other volunteer groups and agencies utilize very similar sampling protocols.

Who Should Attend the Training?

Anyone who collects or who is interested in collecting macroinvertebrate samples, assessing a stream/rivers health or degradation/improvements to the aquatic environment. This includes water quality monitoring personnel and water quality managers, citizen volunteers group coordinators, NPDES permit writers, and those sampling before/after an improvement project.

Registration Fee:

Cost for the 3-day training is \$300.00 per person. The price includes a textbook, morning snacks, juice and coffee. There will also be a drawing based on agencies/organizations present for several macroinvertebrate nets that will be given away. **Registration fees should be payable to SLSI.** SLSI accepts credits cards via a fax containing credit card number, name, address, and telephone number and expiration date. Purchase orders and checks are also accepted and must be received by August 1, 2002.

How to Register:

You must sign-up to attend. These classes tend to fill up very rapidly. The class is limited to 20 people.

To register by e-mail or phone, contact:

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